

SENATE BILL No. 563

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-23-6.5-8; IC 16-18-2-62; IC 16-20-10; IC 16-37-1-9.

Synopsis: Continuing education for local health departments. Requires officers and employees of a local health department to meet certain continuing education requirements. Establishes the local health department continuing education commission. Authorizes an additional \$1 fee to birth certificates. Requires the fee to be used to pay for continuing education.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-23-6.5-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 8. (a) The coroners
3 training and continuing education fund is established for the purpose
4 of providing money for the purposes under section 9 of this chapter.
5 The fund shall be administered by the board.
6 (b) Expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in
7 the fund. The fund consists of gifts, grants, and amounts deposited
8 under ~~IC 16-37-1-9~~. **IC 16-37-1-9(b)**.
9 (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
10 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
11 manner as other public funds may be invested.
12 (d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert
13 to the state general fund.
14 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-62 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
15 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 62. (a) "Commission",
16 for purposes of IC 16-19-6, refers to the commission for special
17 institutions.



(b) "Commission", for purposes of IC 16-20-10, refers to the local health department continuing education commission.

~~(b)~~ (c) "Commission", for purposes of IC 16-31, refers to the Indiana emergency medical services commission.

SECTION 3. IC 16-20-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]:

Chapter 10. Local Health Department Continuing Education

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the local health department continuing education commission established under section 3 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. (a) Each officer and employee of a local health department who has been employed by the local health department for the previous twenty-four (24) months shall take twenty (20) hours of continuing education every two (2) calendar years ending January 1 of each even numbered year. The continuing education hours must be from programs that are approved by the local health officer and meet the guidelines established by the commission.

(b) The continuing education programs must be designed to improve the knowledge and skills of officers and employees of a local health department in areas that protect the health of Indiana's citizens, including the areas of environmental health, public health nursing, communication and technology development, epidemiology, and data collection and analysis.

(c) The local board of health may grant an officer or employee a waiver from the continuing education requirement if the individual was not able to fulfill the requirement due to a hardship that resulted from any of the following:

- (1) Service in the armed forces during a substantial part of the continuing education period.
- (2) An incapacitating illness or injury.
- (3) Other circumstances determined by the local board of health.

Sec. 3. (a) The local health department continuing education commission is established. The commission consists of the following members:

- (1) A local board of health member.
- (2) A local health officer.
- (3) A registered professional environmentalist.
- (4) A health department nurse.
- (5) A representative of the Indiana University School of Public



1 and Environmental Affairs.

2 (6) A representative of the Indiana University School of Public
3 Health.

4 (7) A school superintendent.

5 (b) The governor shall appoint the members of the commission.
6 A member appointed to fill a vacancy on the commission shall
7 serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. A member serves
8 at the pleasure of the governor.

9 (c) The governor shall designate a member of the commission to
10 serve as chair.

11 (d) The state department shall provide staff support for the
12 commission.

13 (e) The commission shall adopt guidelines for continuing
14 education programs for local health department officers and
15 employees.

16 (f) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members of
17 the commission are required for the commission to take action on
18 a measure.

19 Sec. 4. (a) If a local health department collects a fee under
20 IC 16-37-1-9(c), the county shall establish a local health
21 department continuing education fund that consists of funds
22 deposited under IC 16-37-1-9(c), gifts, grants, and appropriations.

23 (b) The local board of health shall administer the fund.

24 (c) Money in the fund at the end of the fiscal year does not
25 revert back to the county general fund.

26 SECTION 4. IC 16-37-1-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
27 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 9. (a) A local health
28 department may make a charge under IC 16-20-1-27 for each certificate
29 of birth, death, or stillbirth registration.

30 (b) If the local department of health makes a charge for a certificate
31 of death under subsection (a), a one dollar (\$1) coroners continuing
32 education fee must be added to the rate established under
33 IC 16-20-1-27. The local department of health shall deposit any
34 coroners continuing education fees with the county auditor within thirty
35 (30) days after collection. The county auditor shall transfer
36 semiannually any coroners continuing education fees to the treasurer
37 of state.

38 (c) If the local department of health makes a charge for a
39 certificate of birth under subsection (a), a one dollar (\$1) local
40 health department continuing education fee may be added to the
41 rate established under IC 16-20-1-27 if approved by the county
42 executive having authority over the local health department. The



1 local department of health shall deposit any local health
 2 department continuing education fees with the county auditor
 3 within thirty (30) days after collection. The county auditor shall
 4 transfer any local health department continuing education fees to
 5 the local health department continuing education fund for the
 6 purposes described under IC 16-20-10.

7 ~~(c)~~ (d) Notwithstanding IC 16-20-1-27, a charge may not be made
 8 for furnishing a certificate of birth, death, or stillbirth registration to a
 9 person or to a member of the family of a person who needs the
 10 certificate for one (1) of the following purposes:

11 (1) To establish the person's age or the dependency of a member
 12 of the person's family in connection with:

13 (A) the person's service in the armed forces of the United
 14 States; or

15 (B) a death pension or disability pension of a person who is
 16 serving or has served in the armed forces of the United States.

17 (2) To establish or to verify the age of a child in school who
 18 desires to secure a work permit.

19 SECTION 5. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) Notwithstanding
 20 IC 16-20-10-2, as added by this act, an officer or employee of a
 21 local health department is not required to meet the continuing
 22 education requirements until January 1, 2002.

23 (b) Notwithstanding IC 16-20-10-3, as added by this act, the
 24 initial terms of the members of the local health department
 25 continuing education commission are as follows:

26 (1) The local board of health member for a term of four (4)
 27 years.

28 (2) The local health officer for a term of three (3) years.

29 (3) The registered professional environmentalist for a term of
 30 two (2) years.

31 (4) The health department nurse for a term of one (1) year.

32 (5) The representative of the Indiana University School of
 33 Public and Environmental Affairs for a term of four (4) years.

34 (6) The representative of the Indiana University School of
 35 Public Health for a term of three (3) years.

36 (7) The school superintendent for a term of two (2) years.

37 The initial terms of the members begin on July 1, 1999.

38 (c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2003.

